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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORKx BEZON SHIPPING LTD.,

Plaintiff,

v.

COUNTY OF NASSAU

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INTERNATIONAL OIL OVERSEAS INC., also known as IOOI, TARAZONA SHIPPING CO., S A, QUOIN ISLAND MARINE WL, GRESHAM WORLD SHIPPING, and BAKRI TRADING COMPANY INC.,

ATTORNEY'S AFFIDAVIT THAT DEFENDANTS CANNOT BE FOUND WITHIN THE DISTRICT

Defendants. STATE OF NEW YORK :ss.

This affidavit is executed by the attorney for the Plaintiff, BEZON SHIPPING LTD., (hereinafter "BEZON"), in order to secure the issuance of a Summons and First Amended Process of Attachment and Garnishment in the above-entitled, in personam, Admiralty cause.

Owen F. Duffy, being first duly sworn, deposes and states:

- 1. I am a partner of the firm of Chalos, O'Connor & Duffy LLP representing Plaintiff, BEZON, in this case.
- 2. I have personally inquired or have directed inquiries into the presence of Defendants INTERNATIONAL OIL OVERSEAS INC., also known as IOOI, TARAZONA SHIPPING CO., S A, QUOIN ISLAND MARINE WL, GRESHAM WORLD SHIPPING, and BAKRI TRADING COMPANY INC. in this District.
- 3. I have personally checked with the office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York, using the Secretary of State's Division of Corporations database, and I have determined that, as of January 18, 2008, the Defendants INTERNATIONAL OIL OVERSEAS INC., also known as IOOI, TARAZONA SHIPPING CO., S A, QUOIN ISLAND MARINE WL, GRESHAM WORLD SHIPPING, and BAKRI TRADING COMPANY INC. are not incorporated pursuant to the laws of New York, are not qualified to conduct business within the State of New York and have not nominated agents for the service of process within New York because the Secretary of State of the State of New York has no records for the Defendants INTERNATIONAL OIL OVERSEAS INC., also known as IOOI, TARAZONA SHIPPING CO., S A, QUOIN ISLAND MARINE WL, GRESHAM WORLD SHIPPING, and BAKRI TRADING COMPANY INC.
- 4. I have inquired of Verizon Telephone Company whether the Defendants INTERNATIONAL OIL OVERSEAS INC., also known as IOOI, TARAZONA SHIPPING CO., S A, QUOIN ISLAND MARINE WL, GRESHAM WORLD SHIPPING, and BAKRI TRADING COMPANY INC. can be located within this District. The Verizon Telephone Company has advised me that the Defendants do not have any telephone number listings within this District.
- 5. I have further consulted with several other telephone directories on the internet, and I have found no telephone listing or address for the Defendants INTERNATIONAL OIL OVERSEAS INC., also known as IOOI, TARAZONA

SHIPPING CO., S A, QUOIN ISLAND MARINE WL, GRESHAM WORLD SHIPPING, and BAKRI TRADING COMPANY INC. within this District.

- 6. I have further made several searches on the internet with various search engines and maritime websites, and I have found no indication that the Defendants INTERNATIONAL OIL OVERSEAS INC., also known as IOOI, TARAZONA SHIPPING CO., S A, QUOIN ISLAND MARINE WL, GRESHAM WORLD SHIPPING, and BAKRI TRADING COMPANY INC. can be found within this District.
- 7. In that I have been able to determine that the Defendants INTERNATIONAL OIL OVERSEAS INC., also known as IOOI, TARAZONA SHIPPING CO., S A, QUOIN ISLAND MARINE WL, GRESHAM WORLD SHIPPING, and BAKRI TRADING COMPANY INC. are not based in the United States of America and that I have found no indication that the Defendants INTERNATIONAL OIL OVERSEAS INC., also known as IOOI, TARAZONA SHIPPING CO., S A, QUOIN ISLAND MARINE WL, GRESHAM WORLD SHIPPING, and BAKRI TRADING COMPANY INC, can be found within this District, I have formed a good faith belief that the Defendants INTERNATIONAL OIL OVERSEAS INC., also known as IOOI, TARAZONA SHIPPING CO., S A, QUOIN ISLAND MARINE WL, GRESHAM WORLD SHIPPING, and BAKRI TRADING COMPANY INC. do not have sufficient contacts or business activities within this District to defeat maritime attachment under Rule B of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty and Maritime Claims as set forth in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
- It is my belief, based upon my own investigation that the Defendants 8. INTERNATIONAL OIL OVERSEAS INC., also known as IOOI, TARAZONA SHIPPING CO., S A, QUOIN ISLAND MARINE WL, GRESHAM WORLD SHIPPING, and BAKRI TRADING COMPANY INC. cannot be found within this District for the purposes of Rule B of the Supplemental Rules of Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Dated: Port Washington, New York January 18, 2008

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this

January 18, 2008

GEORGE E. MURRAY Notary Public, State of New York No. 02MU6108120 Qualified in New York County Commission Expires April 12, 2008